



Mom & Pop Store Day

September 14, 2009

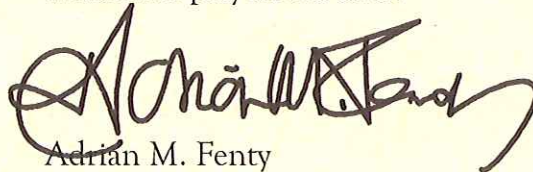
A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, "Mom & Pop" stores, small, independent retailers of all types of products and services that we use every day, are usually owned and operated by local families; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the convenience that neighborhood Mom & Pop stores provide, they also serve as a touchstone to the community, often taking on the roles of bulletin board, backyard fence, and gathering space; and

WHEREAS, Mom & Pop stores, and other small businesses, are often considered to be the backbone of our economy, providing jobs, revenues, and investment in neighborhoods:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2009, as "**MOM & POP STORE DAY**" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in recognizing the important role these small businesses play in our lives.



Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia

